Indians, had been detained. After the intervention of the Indian Embassy, 4141 workers were released. Only, 159 workers, who had actually participated in the violence were detained, out of them 90 were Indians.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Embassy of India and Consulate General of India remain in close touch with workers and raise with local authorities the problems faced by Indian workers.

(d) Government of UAE directed the Ministry of Labour to analyse the situation and come up with proposals to find solutions to the issues raised by the workers. They also warned companies violating the legal right of workers and said that if found guilty they could be penalized.

(e) The Dubai authorities decided to deport all workers who indulged in violence. Police authorities informed that 90 out of the 159 persons involved in the violence were Indians. Eighty seven of them have since been sent back to India.

Nyaya Panchayat Bill

24. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed Bill on the Nyaya Panchayats is ready;

(b) whether the State Governments have been consulted in the matter;

(c) the details of their reaction thereon; and

(d) whether the Bill is proposed to be introduced in the ensuing winter Session?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) The first Draft Bill, prepared by the Drafting Committee on the Nyaya Panchayats Bill, was forwarded to State Governments and Central Ministries concerned for their comments. Comments have been received from 22 Central Ministries/Departments and 17 States/Union Territories. The gist of responses received from the States/Union Territories is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below). Based on the comments received from different quarters, the draft Bill has been recast. Further process of consultation with the State Governments and the Union Ministry of Law and Justice is on.

(d) No Sir. The Bill is not proposed to be introduced in the current Winter Session of Parliament.

Statement

The gist of comments of the State Governments/Union Territory Administration on Draft Nyaya Panchayats Bill

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	Comments
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1.	The Andaman and Nicobar Islands	The Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Panchayats) Regulation, 1994 has a separate Chapter for Nyaya Panchayats. No specific comments have been given on the Draft Nyaya Panchayats Bill.

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2.	West Bengal	(i) The State Panchayati Raj Act has provisions of the Nyaya Panchayats. (ii) As the Central Bill totally avoids the involvement of the Panchayat which is contrary to the object of Article 243(G) of the Constitution. (iii) The Central Government should fund for implementing the proposed Central Act. (iv) The matters relating to 'local government' and 'village courts' which are State Subjects may be left to the discretion of the State Legislature to enact laws according to their necessity and ground realities.
3.	Meghalaya	Panchayati Raj does not extends to the State, therefore, the State Government has requested to be excluded from the proposed bill.
4.	Himachal Pradesh	The State Government is in agreement with the proposed Bill, however, there must be prescribed certain minimum educational qualification for the Nyaya Panchs.
5.	Uttar Pradesh	(i) Like the provisions of the United Provinces Panchayati Raj Act 1947, the Central Bill may provide that the Nyaya Panchs may be nominated by the District Magistrate in case sufficient number of capable persons are not available for appointment through election. (ii) Each Nyaya Panchayat should have jurisdiction of a group of 7-8 Gram Panchayats. (iii) The litigant fees should be restricted to Rs. 100/-, instead of Rs. 250/-, as proposed in the draft Bill.
6.	Puducherry	(i) The Pondicherry Village and Commune Panchayat Act, 1973 has provisions of Nyaya Panchayats. The UT Administration has promised amendment of the UT Act for ensuring conformity with the proposed Central Act. (ii) The proposed Nyaya Panchayats system will be fair, inexpensive and expeditious in respect of dispute resolution.
7.	Madhya Pradesh	The State Government has intimated that they have enacted Madhya Pradesh Gram Nyayalaya Act 1996. The State Government has, however, given no specific comments about the Draft Nyaya Panchayat Bill.
8.	Jharkhand	Panchayats are not in existence in the State, therefore, there are no specific comments of the State Government.
9.	Nagaland	The proposed enactment is having similar provisions of the existing The Nagaland Village and Area Council Act, 1978,

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		therefore, there is no necessity of adopting the present Bill for the State.
10.	Andhra Pradesh	The State Government does not support the system of the Nyaya Panchayats. The State Government has extended preference for the constitution of Gram Nyayalayas.
11.	Chhattisgarh	(i) Owing to the enactment of legislation on the Gram Nyayalayas, the State has started going for Gram Nyayalayas which will loose significance in case Nyaya Panchayats are set up. The State Government feels that whichever institution is more effective should be set up. (ii) There is possibility of political influence, biasness and groupism among the Nyaya Panchs and Nyaya Sahayaks, which will erode faith in Nyaya Panchayat System. Therefore, the selection of Nyaya Panch and Nyaya Sahayak may be done by obtaining consensus in a special Gram Sabha Meeting. (iii) There is need of development of uniform, timebound and effective training programme for Nyaya Panchayat representatives.
12.	Punjab	(i) The Minimum qualification should be graduation and 10+2 for seeking election for the post of Nyaya Panchs and Nyaya Sahayaks, respectively. (ii) There should be independent state supported mechanism to make payments to Nyaya Panchayat representatives and for defraying all other costs of the Nyaya Panchayats. The funds collected as fines and fees should be put to use for education of needy students, welfare of SCs and destitute or needy women, environment protection or for other common purposes.
13.	Union Territories of Daman and Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli	(i) The object of establishing the system of Nyaya Panchayats is very good. (ii) The Nyaya Sahayaks should be well acquainted with the law as well as the procedure of functioning of Nyaya Panchayats. (iii) There is need to introducing safeguards for keeping anti social elements and the element of bias away from the Nyaya Panchayat System.
14.	Mizoram	Part IX of the Constitution of Panchayati Raj does not extend to the State. The Nyaya Panchayats are also not proposed to be applicable for the State. The State has a strong Village Council system. The State has not offered any specific comments on the Bill.
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	The Nyaya Panchayats are not proposed to be applicable for the State. The State has, however, offered the following comments:

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		(i) The Central Government should finance training of the Panchas and recurring expenditure of Nyaya Panchayats.
		(ii) The fee proposed on the litigants of Nyaya Panchayats is on higher side and therefore will work as deterrent for them.
		(iii) The existing Government functionaries can be appointed as Nyaya Sahayak.
		(iv) Literacy must be made as pre-qualification for the Panchs of the Nyaya Panchayats.
		(v) There should be provisions of contempt proceedings against those who defy the orders of Nyaya Panchayats.
		(vi) Provisions must be made for removal of incapable Pramukhs or Panchs of the Nyaya Panchayats.
16.	National Capital Territory of Delhi	(i) The Nyaya Panchayats will render expeditious and inexpensive justice, both civil and criminal, to the citizens at the grassroots level.
		(ii) Though the objective of the proposed legislation islaudable and justified, Government of NCT of Delhi feels that the system of establishing Nyaya Panchayats in the NCT of Delhi or enacting a law for Delhi for that purpose based on the Model Nyaya Panchayats Bill, 2006 may not be feasible as there is no Panchayat in the territory.
17.	Chandigarh	The UT Administration supports the initiative; however, certain safeguards need to be incorporated for avoiding retrograde kind of decisions that may be taken in Nyaya Panchayats.

Regulations of CIC

25. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Information Commission (CIC) have framed its own regulations on its functioning;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the CIC have authority therefor;

(c) whether these regulations have endorsement of Government; and

(d) if so, the precise status of these regulations from the view point of their implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d) The Central Information Commission has framed the Central Information Commission (Management) Regulations, 2007 and placed the same on the Commission's website, further informing the Government that the Commission is taking steps to notify the Regulations. The Government have informed the Commission that as per legal opinion framing and notification of such regulations by it are not sustainable.